

**“Good News”
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Governor:

This is Governor Haley Barbour with some good news for Medicaid recipients and for taxpayers.

Mississippi is now offering every Medicaid recipient a free physical and help in finding a reliable place to get preventive health care.

And taxpayers should know that, for the first time, Mississippi will be interviewing Medicaid recipients to make sure that the *only* people on our Medicaid rolls are the truly needy.

That's good news for *everybody*.